



Natural Resources Conservation Service
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TENNESSEE BULLETIN NO. 190-04-1

SUBJECT: ECS - REQUEST FOR PLANT MATERIALS FOR 2004

Purpose. To solicit requests for field plantings.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2004.

Action Required By: March 14, 2004

Field plantings of plant materials developed by the Natural Resource Conservation Service are established to document the performance of plants that are candidates for release to commercial seed or nursery stock growers or are recent releases that we are attempting to expose to field conservationists and landowners. The plantings are planned to gather evidence of performance across a wide range of geographic areas, soils, land uses, and management levels.

Requests for materials must be submitted on an ECS-9, Planting Plan for Field Plantings, filled out completely. Attachments to this bulletin provide the information needed to fill in plant names, cultivars, seeding rates and plant spacing, uses of the plants to be evaluated, and the standard of comparison. All the site information, including the establishment methods and site history, must be given. Specifications on fertilizer, lime, and mulch are available from NRCS Tennessee Field Office Technical Guide standards and specifications, conservation plant sheets, soil tests, and the Plant Materials Specialist.

Greg Brann, Tennessee Grazing Land Specialist, must receive completed planting plans by March 14, 2003. He will forward the plans to the Plant Materials Specialist by March 20, 2004. The Plant Materials Specialist is John Vandevender, and his address is P. O. Box 390, Alderson, West Virginia, 24910-0390.

The field planting program is a plant evaluation process. To effectively evaluate the material, it must be established properly and uniformly, be located precisely on a location map, and be evaluated on a regular basis for an extended period of time. Field office personnel should request the material only if they are willing to supervise the planting, map the location of each accession, and evaluate the plantings.

/s/

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Enclosures

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